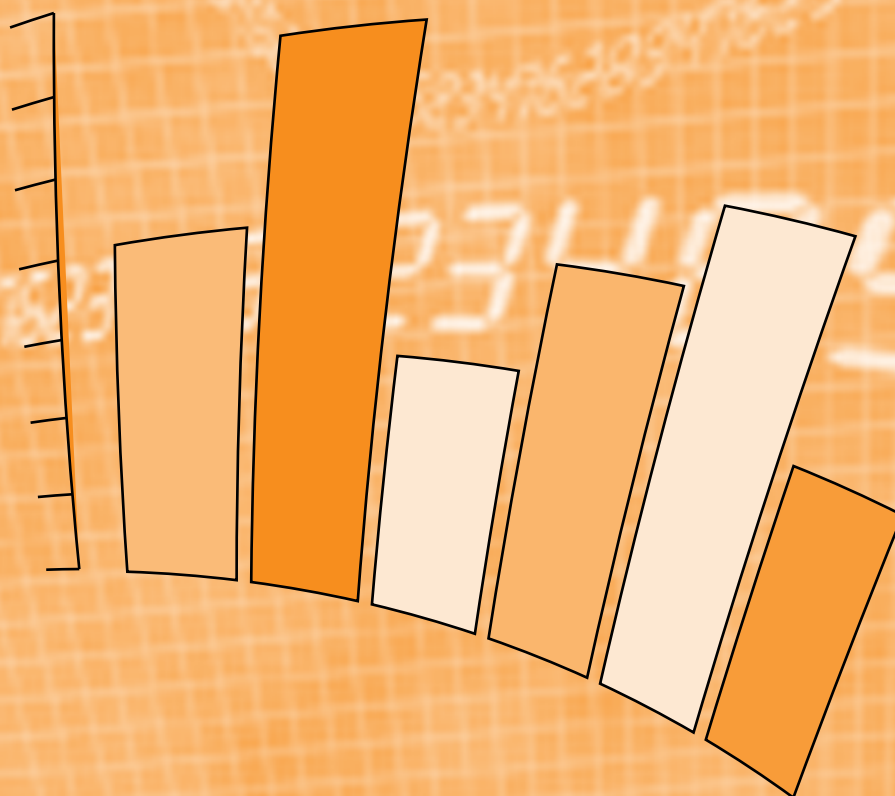


England's Local Authority Youth Services The NYA Audit 2007-08

National Report



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NYA Annual Audit collects information on expenditure, workforce and outcomes from local authority youth services. Further information on the data collected this year and the terms used to describe it can be found in the *Audit Analysis Notes* in Annex 1.

All national comparative figures in this document are based on data provided by 121 authorities in 2007-08 and 140 authorities in 2006-07. Not all respondents completed every section on the Audit collection form. The difference in the number of authorities responding affects direct comparisons between the figures for the two years. Comparisons are provided as a general guide only.

- Responding authorities reported total mainstream spending on local authority youth services totalling £316million in 2007-08. This was an average of £2.22m per local authority area compared with £2.15m for the previous year.
- The average spending on youth services from education budgets decreased again slightly from 1.05 per cent to 1.04 per cent.
- On average total gross expenditure per head of the 13-19 youth population was £119, one pound per head less than in 2006-07. On average, total net expenditure, which excludes other sources of funding levered in by services, was £84 per head of the 13-19 youth population, the same as for the previous year.
- A total of £34m was given in grants and through contract arrangements (£16.2m and £17.9m respectively) to the voluntary and community sector, an average of 11 per cent of total local authority youth service spending. A further total of £3.8m was provided as grant in kind to the voluntary and community sector.
- There were 8,273 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff employed in the responding services in 2007-08, an average of 46.5 per authority (compared with 51.0 in 2006-07).
- There were 6,206 FTE delivery staff (professionally qualified youth workers, other qualified youth workers and youth support workers) in 2007-08, an average of 32.1 per authority (compared with 41.1 in 2006-07).
- There were 2,873 FTE professionally qualified youth workers in 2007-08, an average of 15.7 per authority (compared with 16.0 in 2006-07).
- There were 801 FTE management posts in 2007-08, an average of 5.0 per authority, the same as the previous year.
- There were 1,368 FTE administration posts in 2007-08, an average of 8.2 per authority (compared with 7.3 in 2006-07).
- Despite the lower response rate by local authorities, the total number of volunteers in the local authority sector increased by eight per cent to 5,447 from 5,026. The total number of FTE volunteers more than doubled (118%) to 1,073 in 2007-08, from 493 in 2006-07.
- The average service contacted 28 per cent of its 13-19 youth population, the same as the previous year. The average participation rate was 17 per cent, above the 15 per cent benchmark.
- Over half of responding authorities (64, 53%) met or exceeded the benchmark for participants gaining a recorded outcome, compared with 46% the previous year.
- Almost four in ten respondents (35, 39%) met or exceeded the 30% benchmark for participants gaining an accredited outcome, compared with almost three in ten (28%) for the previous year.

INTRODUCTION

The 2007-08 NYA Audit is based on finance, workforce and outcomes data sent from 121 of England's 149 authorities¹. The youth service net expenditure figure focuses on the cost of providing direct youth work through the local authority youth service. It excludes many of the overheads incurred by the local authority such as central administration and finance and consequently usually differs from the information provided by those returned by local authorities to the DCSF in their Section 52 returns. Total gross expenditure by responding authorities was £488m, an average of £3.3m per local authority area, compared to £3.1m per local authority area in 2006-07. Within this overall figure, total net expenditure by responding authorities amounted to £316m, an average of £2.22m per local authority area compared with £2.15m for the previous year.

Unless stated otherwise, all national comparative figures in this document are based on the 121 responding authorities in 2007-08 and the 140 responding authorities in 2006-07. The difference in the number of authorities responding affects direct comparisons between the figures for 2007-08 and 2006-07. Not all respondents completed every section on the Audit collection form. Comparisons are provided as a general guide only.

Variations in the collection and interpretation of data at the local level continue to mean these figures should be treated with caution. Caution should also be exercised in interpreting trends. Changes in figures - both up and down - may represent developments in accuracy and rigour as much as real changes in, for example, spending or numbers of young people contacted. Equally, because not all data is reported for all sections by all authorities, national totals and comparisons between the years are difficult. Numbers and decimals have been rounded up or down as appropriate. Summing rounded figures may produce total figures very slightly different to the totals shown.

Unless stated otherwise, calculations of averages presented in this document are for the median average. Benchmarking tables are available with this document on the NYA website www.nya.org.uk/audit

¹ No response was received from Harrow, Lambeth and Slough for the fourth consecutive year. No response was received from Barking and Dagenham and Thurrock for the second consecutive year. The other non-returners for 2007-08 were, Bexley, Blackburn with Darwen, Camden, Cheshire, Hammersmith and Fulham, Haringey, Hillingdon, Isle of Wight, Kirklees, Middlesbrough, Portsmouth, Redcar and Cleveland, South Gloucestershire, Stoke on Trent, Swindon, Wakefield, Waltham Forest, Warrington, Warwickshire and West Berkshire. Late returns were received from Havering, Lewisham and Sandwell.

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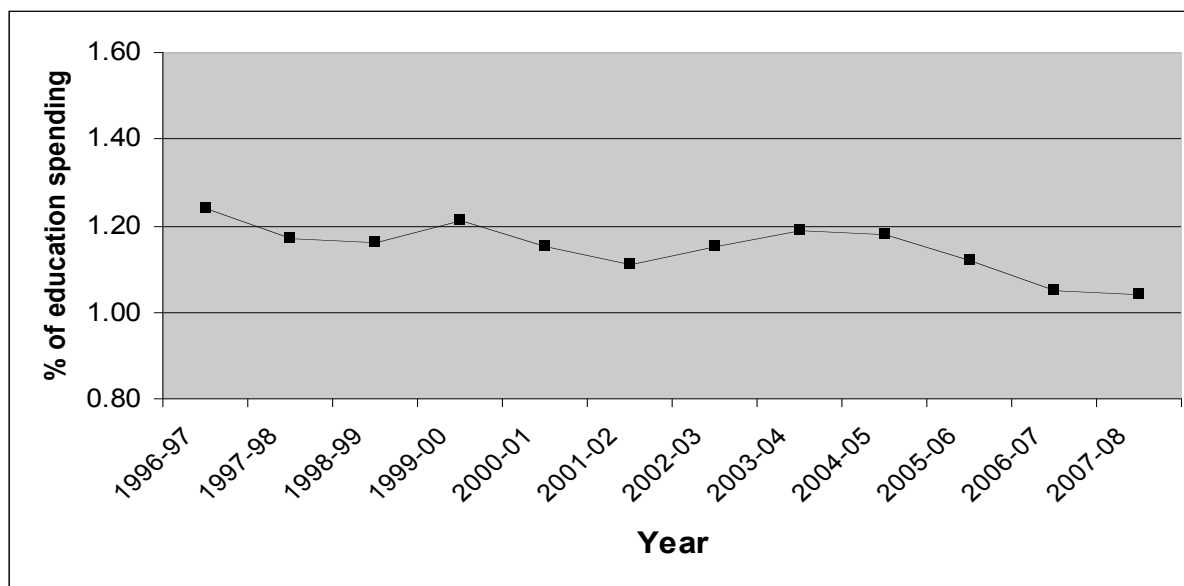
Percentage of education expenditure

Average net expenditure on youth services as a proportion of education expenditure² decreased again, from 1.05 per cent to 1.04 per cent, eighteen per cent less than the 1996-97 figure of 1.24 per cent. Authorities have been grouped into three categories depending on whether their youth service net expenditure is more than two per cent, less than one per cent, or between one and two per cent of education expenditure in their area. In 2007-08 five authorities spent more than two per cent, compared with six last year. Forty-six authorities (42% of respondents) spent less than one per cent, compared with 60 last year (43% of respondents). The majority of authorities (59, 54%) spent between one and two per cent, similar to the previous year (57%).

Table 1 National average local authority youth service expenditure as a proportion of education expenditure 1996-2008

Year	Maximum ³ (%)	Average (%)	Minimum (%)
1996-97	4.50	1.24	0.36
1997-98	4.63	1.17	0.41
1998-99	4.65	1.16	0.51
1999-00	4.36	1.21	0.53
2000-01	3.70	1.15	0.53
2001-02	2.60	1.11	0.43
2002-03	2.91	1.15	0.57
2003-04	2.52	1.19	0.50
2004-05	2.90	1.18	0.11
2005-06	2.96	1.12	0.56
2006-07	2.86	1.05	0.49
2007-08	8.62	1.04	0.35

Figure 1 National average local authority youth service expenditure as a proportion of education expenditure 1996-2008



² Refers to the net current expenditure for education. The line reference is 105 (m) of the Section 52 Outturn Statements 2007-08.

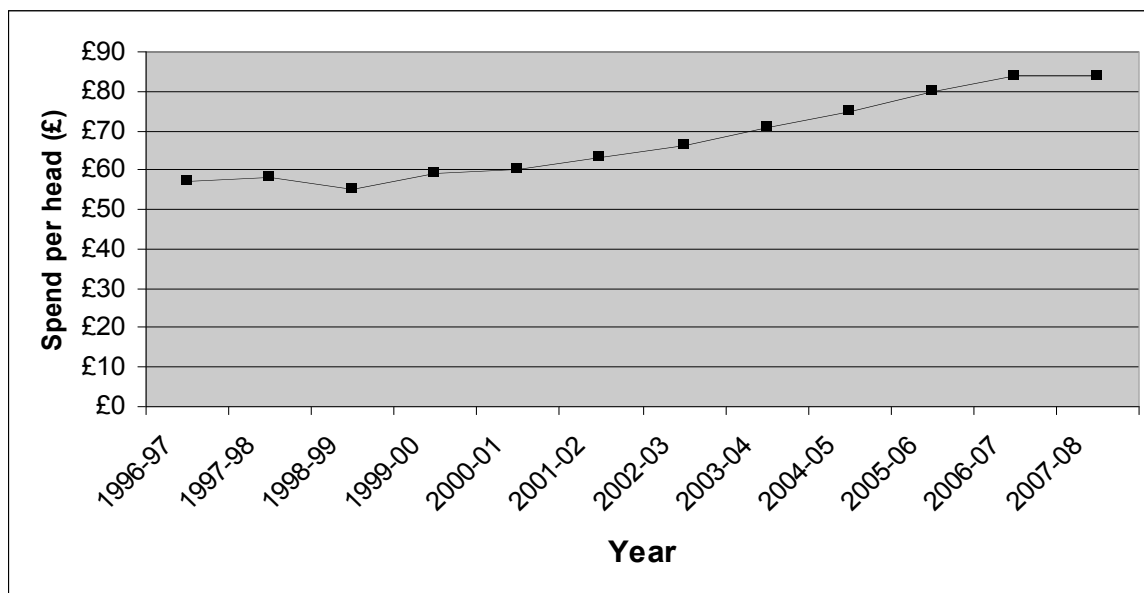
³ Excludes City of London.

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Expenditure (net) per head of youth population

The average local authority youth service net expenditure per head of its 13-19 population was £84, the same as in 2006-07. The expenditure on the 13-19 age group continues to vary widely with a current range from £247 to £41⁴. Over a quarter of responding local authority youth services (26%, 31 of 118) spent £100 or more per head of their 13-19 population. Four in ten services (40%, 47 of 118) spent £75 or less per head. Six authorities (5%), spent £50 or less per head, the same as for the previous year. When other sources of funding levered in by the youth service are included, almost seven in ten authorities (81, 69%) spent £100 or more per head of the 13-19 population (see pages 6-7 for more on gross total expenditure).

Figure 2 National average local authority youth service expenditure per head of 13-19 population 1996-2008



Spending on 11-25s ranged from £19 to £116⁵ per head, slightly wider than for 2006-07 (£20 to £92). The average expenditure per head on this age range was £39 (118 authorities), marginally lower than the previous year's average of £40 (140 authorities). The highest spending top 25 authorities spent an average of £57 per head for the 11-25 population compared with £49 per head in the previous year.

⁴ Excludes the figure of £1657 for City of London.

⁵ Excludes the figure of £228 for City of London.

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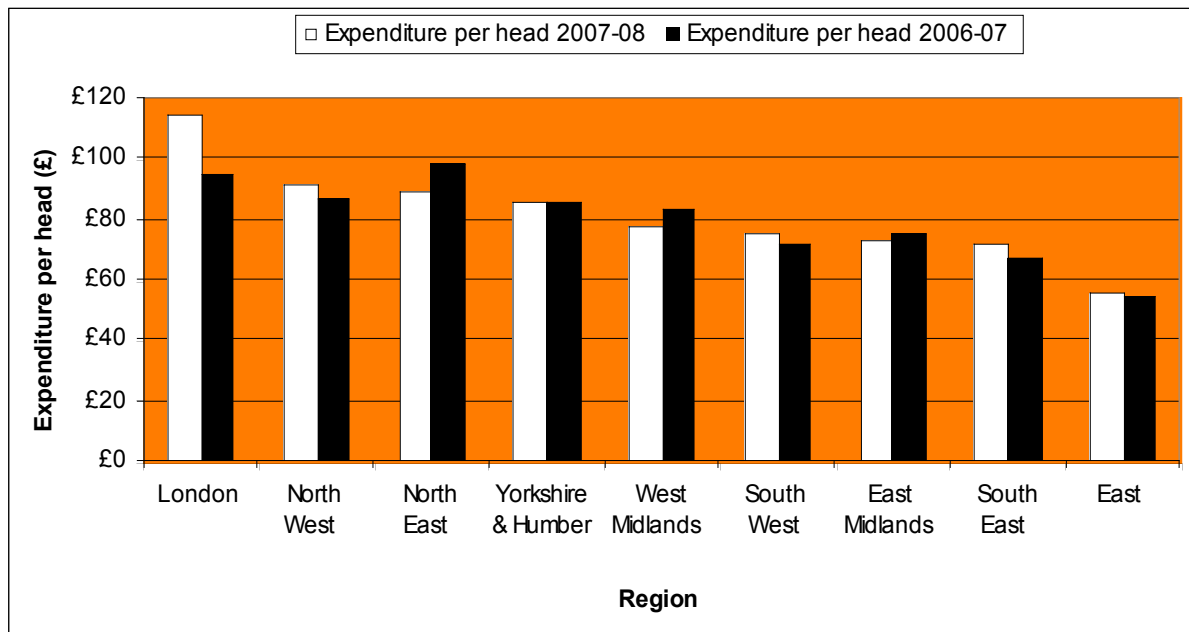
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The average expenditure per head of 13-19 population for the regions is shown in Table 2 and Figure 3 below.

Table 2 Regional average local authority net expenditure per head of 13-19 population for 2007-08 and 2006-07

Region	Expenditure per head population 2007-08	Expenditure per head population 2006-07	Change (£ per head) between 2007-08 and 2006-07
London (21 ⁶)	£114	£95	£19
North East (10 LAs)	£92	£98	−£6
North West (18)	£89	£87	£2
Yorkshire & Humber (13)	£86	£86	£0
West Midlands (11)	£78	£83	−£5
South West (13)	£75	£72	£3
South East (14)	£73	£68	£5
East Midlands (9)	£72	£75	−£3
East (9)	£56	£55	£1
Total respondents: 118			

Figure 3 Regional average local authority expenditure per head of 13-19 population for 2007-08 and 2006-07



⁶ Numbers in brackets show the number of respondents from each region.

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Expenditure by type of local authority

As shown in the table below, London boroughs are the highest average net spenders per head of 13-19 population. London boroughs, metropolitan authorities and county councils have all increased their expenditure per head of 13-19 youth population since the previous year. Unitary authorities have not, although the lowest average spenders on youth are still the county councils.

Table 3 Average local authority youth service expenditure (net) per head of 13-19 population by local authority type for 2007-08 and 2006-07

Local authority type	Youth service expenditure per head 13-19 population 2007-08	Youth service expenditure per head 13-19 population 2006-07	Difference between 2007-08 and 2006-07
London boroughs (21)	£114	£95	£19
Metropolitan authorities (32)	£95	£92	£3
Unitary authorities (34)	£84	£85	-£1
County councils (31)	£69	£68	£1

Total gross expenditure

In 2007-08, the 121 responding authorities reported a further £172m expenditure from other sources of funding. This figure comprises £131.9m from 40 funding sources listed on the audit collection forms (e.g. Connexions, YOF, Neighbourhood Renewal) and a further £40.2m from other sources not individually listed. This resulted in a total gross expenditure of £488m. When this is included, it brings average spending on the 13-19 youth population to £119 per head.

Table 4 Total net local authority youth service expenditure and gross expenditure 2007-08

Net total expenditure	Non-mainstream expenditure	Other expenditure	Gross total expenditure
£316.2m	£131.9m	£40.2m	£488.2m

Expenditure from other sources of funding (£172m) comprised 35 per cent of total gross expenditure (£488m). In comparison, in 1996-97 (the first detailed NYA Audit), other funding (totalling £22m) represented 9 per cent of total gross expenditure. The large proportion of funding derived from these alternative sources highlights the value of youth work to a wide range of other organisations in helping them to achieve their outcomes and improve the lives of young people living in their areas.

In 2007-08, thirteen authorities, five more than 2006-07 despite a lower response rate, additional funding now amounts to more than mainstream expenditure. The largest single contributor continues to be Connexions at £47.6m (£13m more than the previous year, based on figures from 116 authorities). Fifteen of the 40 identified funding sources each

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contributed over £1m and are listed below in Table 5. Between them they accounted for £121.1m of the £131.9m (92%) of additional funding from sources listed on the data collection forms. The Youth Opportunity Fund accounted for £22.9m across the 121 authorities with Neighbourhood Renewal accounting for £7.9m. Funding from Learning and Skills Councils amounted to £2.3m, just over one third of the amount reported in 2006-07 and considerably less than the £8.5m in 2005-06. Youth Offending Teams provided £1.9m across the country, with the Youth Justice Board contributing a further £1.4m.

Table 5 Breakdown of primary (over £1 million) non-mainstream funding sources 2007-08

Funding source	Amount (£m)
Connexions	£47.6
Youth Opportunity Fund	£22.9
Youth Capital Fund	£18.5
Neighbourhood Renewal	£7.9
Government Office	£5.7
Schools	£3.4
Learning and Skills Council	£2.3
Teenage Pregnancy	£2.3
Youth Offending Team	£1.9
Children's Fund	£1.9
Primary Care Trust	£1.7
Youth Justice Board	£1.4
New Deal	£1.4
European funding	£1.2
Drug Action Team	£1.1
	£121.1

Gross total average spending per 13 to 19 year old was £119, £1 less than the previous year. Approximately four out of every five authorities spent more than £90 per head of the 13-19 population (93 authorities, 79%). Almost seven in ten authorities (82, 69%) spent £100 or more per head of the 13-19 population⁷. Thirty-six authorities spent less than £100 per head (compared with 44 the previous year), eleven spending in excess of £90 per head. In over a quarter of authorities (33 of 118 respondents, 28%), compared with one fifth last year, the additional funding levered in made a difference in expenditure of over £50 per head. Over one third of these authorities (13) were London boroughs, ten were metropolitan districts, seven were unitaries and three were county councils.

Grant Aid

The NYA Audit focuses on the youth service managed through local authorities. Grant aid to the voluntary and community sector (VCS) in 2007-08 stood at £16.2m for the 93 responding local authorities. Including grant in kind, the average authority gave £106,000 in grant aid to the voluntary and community sector in 2007-08, an increase of £2,000 per authority compared with 2006-07.

⁷ The youth standard quoted in [Resourcing Excellent Youth Services](#) (REYS, DfES 2002) was for local authority youth services to spend at least £100 per head of 13-19 population (Annex 4, p.26).

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Funding distributed through contract arrangements also increased to £17.9m in 2007-08, from £15.4m in 2006-07, despite fewer respondents (63 compared with 65 last year). There were eleven respondents who reported no grant aid arrangements with their local voluntary and community sector but who reported contract arrangements, totalling just over £280,000.

Table 6 Total grant aid, grant in kind and contract arrangements between local authority youth services and the voluntary and community sector organisations 2007-08 and 2006-07

Type of arrangement	Amount (£ millions) 2007-08
Grant aid	16.2
Grant in kind	3.8
Grants in total	20.0
Contract arrangements	17.9

Capital Expenditure

Forty-nine authorities reported capital expenditure amounting to a total of £10.8m, an increase of £4.5m (71%) on the previous year following two successive years of decreases. Youth Capital Fund expenditure (already included within the additional funding discussed above) came to £19.1m as reported by 99 respondents, with a further £378,000 spent from Youth Capital Plus funding.

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During 2007-08, the responding local authority youth services employed a total of 3,407 professionally qualified youth workers, equivalent to 2,873 full-time posts. This includes all workforce categories listed in Table 7 below, except volunteers. Authorities were asked not to include staff attached to, and funded by, specific project monies. Only those paid from mainstream budgets were included. There were 190 qualified youth worker posts vacant for three months or more in 2007-08. Table 7 below containing workforce data shows that:

- There were 8,273 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff employed in the responding services in 2007-08, an average of 47 per authority (compared with 51 in 2006-07).
- There were 6,206 FTE delivery staff (professionally qualified youth workers, other qualified youth workers⁸ and youth support workers) in 2007-08, an average of 32.1 per authority (compared with 41.1 in 2006-07).
- There were 2,873 FTE professionally qualified youth workers in 2007-08, an average of 15.7 per authority (compared with 16.0 in 2006-07). These figures do not include youth support workers.

⁸ Youth workers with professional qualifications other than youth work (e.g. teaching, social work).

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- There were 699 FTE management posts in 2007-08, an average of 5.0 per authority, the same as 2006-07.
- There were 1,368 FTE administration posts in 2007-08, an average of 8.2 per authority (compared with 7.3 in 2006-07).
- Despite the slightly lower response rate (88 authorities compared with 93 in 2006-07), the total number of volunteers increased by eight per cent to 5,447 from 5,026. The total number of FTE volunteers more than doubled (118%) to 1,073 in 2007-08, from 493 in 2006-07. This suggests that a similar number of volunteers are working more hours. It may be that the increase reflects a better estimate of the FTE hours undertaken by volunteers. The FTE figure is still likely to be an under-estimate because some authorities provided a total number of volunteers but not a corresponding FTE figure.

Table 7 Local authority youth work workforce broken down by staff category showing actual staff numbers and FTE numbers for 2007-08 and 2006-07

Staff category	Staff numbers 2007-08	Staff FTE 2007-08 ⁹	Average FTE staff/ authority 2007-08	Staff numbers 2006-07	Staff FTE 2006-07 ¹⁰	Average FTE staff/ authority 2006-07
Management	801	699	5.0	890	878	5.0
Professionally qualified youth workers	3,407	2,873	15.7	3,695	3,169	16.0
Other qualified youth workers	2,210	974	6.0	2,325	1,022	6.0
Youth support workers	11,103	2,359	16.0	13,315	3,289	16.9
Administrators	2,171	1,368	8.2	2,413	1,560	7.3
Volunteers ¹¹	5,447	1,073	2.0	5,026	493	2.7
Delivery staff ¹²	16,719	6,206	32.1	19,335	7,480	41.1
Total	19,692	8,273	46.5	22,637	9,918	51.0

The proportion of workers in each of the workforce categories is presented below in Figure 4.

⁹ Based on 119 respondents.

¹⁰ Based on 140 respondents.

¹¹ Figures for workers employed by the voluntary sector are not collected as part of this audit.

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Figure 4 Local authority youth work workforce (FTE) broken down by staff category 2007-08



Youth support workers

There were 11,103 youth support worker posts in 2007-08, equivalent to 2,359 full-time posts. This compares to 13,315 post in 2006-07, equivalent to 3,289 full-time equivalents. One quarter (25%) of the youth service workforce in the responding authorities were youth support workers compared to 32% in 2006-07.

Workforce to youth population ratio

Ratios of FTE delivery staff (professional youth workers, other qualified youth workers and youth support workers) to 13-19 youth population ranged widely from one staff member to 45 young people to one staff member to 6,364 young people (1:55 to 1:7,421 in 2006-07), with an average of one staff member to 646 young people. Almost one in five responding authorities (21, 18%) employed the recommended ratio of staff to young people of 1:400. However because the figure for delivery staff includes youth support workers, who may or may not have been qualified, it is difficult to state the extent to which the standard for the ratio of qualified delivery staff to young people has been met.

Continuing Professional Development

Ninety-six authorities (compared with 120 in 2006-07) provided details of their spending on the continuing professional development of their staff. They reported a total spend of £6.1m, with an average of £63,000 per responding authority (compared with £6.6m in 2006-07, an average of £55,000). This is an average of 1.38 per cent of total youth service expenditure per authority, an improvement on the 1.29 per cent average in 2006-07 but below the five per cent recommended in [Resourcing Excellent Youth Services](#).

OUTCOMES

Contacts

During 2007-08, 119 authorities reported contacting over 1.1m 13-19 year olds, almost three tenths (29%) of their total youth population (3.9 million). A similar number of young people (1.2m) had contact with 139 authorities in 2005-06.

Contacts

The benchmark is for youth services to have contact with 25 per cent of their 13 to 19 population. The definition of a contact is:

- the youth worker knows the name and face of the young person and is consciously building a
- relationship with that young person; and, for example
- the young person may attend events occasionally; or,
- the young person may seek information or advice; or,
- the young person may be involved in issue-based session/s with a group at a school (but attendances at school assemblies do not count).

Participants

The benchmark is for 15 per cent of the 13 to 19 population to participate in youth service provision. The definition of a participant is:

- a young person with whom the youth worker has an ongoing relationship; and,
- the young person is involved with/attends youth work sessions/activities on a regular basis and is participating in a youth work curriculum in some way; and/or,
- the young person takes part in a 'concentrated experience' – a piece of focused work such as a residential event or project.

Recorded outcomes

The benchmark is for 60 per cent of participants to gain a recorded outcome. Features of recorded outcomes include:

- Evidence to show actions undertaken by the young person, their progression, and distance travelled – *to show distance travelled the record must identify starting points, describe the process/identify what happened, and be clear about the achievement, learning gain or end product. This may include, for instance, a decision made as a result of counselling or a detached work encounter.*
- Provide evidence of the benefit derived by the young person as a result of a youth work intervention.
- Be evidenced (though not accredited) by a youth worker or an external awarding body.
- Be meaningful (not just a narrative of events) – *it must confirm the achievement of a declared objective that is significant for that individual young person.* Some subjective judgments will need to be made in assessing what constitutes a 'significant' objective for each young person, given their backgrounds and skill levels.

Accredited outcomes

The benchmark is for 30 per cent of participants to gain an accredited outcome. 'Accredited outcomes' must have the following features (from BVPI 221b – 'Participation In and Outcomes From Youth Work: Accredited Outcomes'):

- Be undertaken by young people supported within the youth work process.
- Have currency/credibility outside youth work including enhancing life and social skills and, where possible, a link to employment, education and training.
- Be subject to either independent internal verification by the organisation making the award or be externally assessed by an awarding body.

Flint, W. (2005) [Recording Young People's Progress and Accreditation in Youth Work](#), Leicester: NYA.

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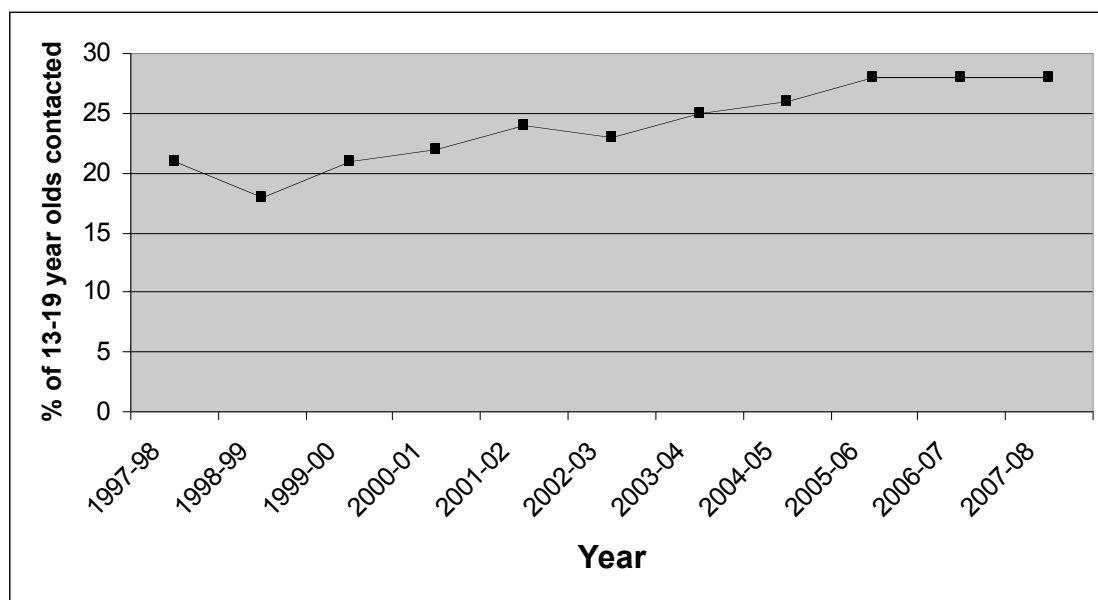
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The average authority contacted 28 per cent of its 13-19 youth population, the same as the previous year. Seventy-five authorities (63 per cent of 119 respondents) met or exceeded the 25 per cent contact benchmark¹³. Ninety-three services (78%) achieved 90% or more against the benchmark, compared with 75% in 2006-07. Table 8 and Figure 5 below shows the average proportion of 13-19 year olds contacted each year since 1997-98. Table 8 also includes the maximum and minimum contact levels reported each year.

Table 8 Average proportion of 13-19 year olds contacted by local authority youth services 1997-98 to 2007-08

Year	Maximum (%)	Average (%)	Minimum (%)
1997-98	86	21	4
1998-99	68	18	5
1999-00	72	21	3
2000-01	81	22	5
2001-02	62	24	5
2002-03	81	23	5
2003-04	67	25	7
2004-05	97	26	4
2005-06	85	28	5
2006-07	78	28	3
2007-08	74	28	10

Figure 5 National average percentage of 13-19 youth population contacted by local authority youth services by year 1997-98 to 2007-08



¹³ As explained in Flint, W. (2005) *Recording Young People's Progress and Accreditation in Youth Work*, Leicester: NYA. www.nya.org.uk/recordingyoungpeoplesprogressaccreditation

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Sixty-three of the 98 authorities (64%) providing data met or exceeded the benchmark to deliver 80 per cent their work with the 13-19 age range. The average authority delivered 84 per cent of their work with 13-19 year olds, the same as the previous year.

The annual net cost per 13-19 year old contacted ranged from £70 to £3,018 (£128 to £4,568 in 2006-07) with an average of £305 (£306 in 2006-07). Twenty-eight of the 116 responding authorities (24%, compared with 30% in 2006-07) spent £400 or more per 13-19 year old contacted.

Table 9 National average expenditure by local authority youth services for 13-19 year olds contacted by year 2002-2008

Year	Average net spend per 13-19 year old contacted
2001-02	£241
2002-03	£292
2003-04	£302
2004-05	£288
2005-06	£286
2006-07	£306
2007-08	£305

Participants

One hundred and nineteen authorities provided data on participants, ranging from a high of 40 per cent of 13-19 year olds participating to a low of six per cent (compared with a range of 55 per cent to four per cent in 2006-07). The average was 17 per cent, which is above the 15 per cent participation benchmark. Eighty-five services (71%) met or exceeded this benchmark, compared with 62% of 138 respondents in 2006-07. Ninety four services (81%) achieved 90% or more against the benchmark (compared with 73% in 2006-07).

Recorded outcomes

One hundred and twenty authorities provided data on recorded outcomes. Sixty-four respondents (53%) met or exceeded the 60% benchmark for participants gaining a recorded outcome, compared with 46% of 138 respondents in 2006-07. Forty-nine (35% of 142) services met or exceeded the benchmark in 2005-06. Seventy-four services (62%) achieved 90% or more of the benchmark, compared with 54 per cent in 2006-07.

Accredited outcomes

One hundred and twenty-one authorities provided data on accredited outcomes. Thirty-five respondents (39%) met or exceeded the 30 per cent benchmark for participants gaining an accredited outcome, compared with 28% of 138 respondents in 2006-07. Twenty-six (18% of 142) services met the benchmark in 2005-06. Forty-seven services (39%) achieved 90% or more of the benchmark, compared with 35 per cent in 2006-07.

Annex 1 – Audit Analysis Notes

Introduction

As previously, The NYA Audit of local authority youth services covers the three areas of expenditure, workforce and outcomes. There is a high degree of compatibility with last year's audit. General areas of caution when comparing data include the following:

- The number of respondents: in 2007-08 the data derives from responses by 121 local authority youth services. There were 140 respondents in 2006-07. There were four respondents in 2007-08 who did not respond in the previous year.
- The rankings shown in the tables are based on the number of services providing this type of data. Not all authorities provided all types of data. Where some information was not supplied but was easily available from a public source (e.g. youth population; education expenditure) this was supplied by The NYA.

Youth population

For the 2007-08 Audit, as with 2006-07, we asked local authority respondents to provide the mid year estimate population figure for 2006. Most did this, but some used the 2001 census figure, which becomes increasingly out of date as time passes. However, in general the differences between the two figures are not large. As a rule we use the data supplied to us by local authorities. If a local authority did not supply figures for their 13-19 populations, we have used the mid year estimate.

Expenditure

We use figures provided to us by local authorities on mainstream net youth service expenditure. These usually derive from the figures in Section 52 returns for each Local Education Authority that show levels of expenditure on education. The [Outturn \(expenditure\) figures for each local authority area](#) are added to the Department for Children, Schools and Families' Section 52 website in December each year. We provide guidance on what should (e.g. employees, premises and transport) and should not (e.g. some third party payments and capital financing) be included but we are aware that some authorities count expenditure differently from others. Key terms have remained the same:

Net youth service expenditure

This is also referred to as 'mainstream spending' on the youth service. It includes expenditure on employees (e.g. salaries, on-costs, recruitment), premises (e.g. maintenance), transport, supplies and services. It excludes central support services, core costs and recharges, departmental management and administration and capital financing (e.g. asset rentals).

Total gross expenditure

In addition to the mainstream local authority youth service expenditure this includes other funding received by the youth service from local authority and other area-based sources, national government and other national and international bodies. It excludes central support services, core costs and recharges, departmental management and administration and capital financing (e.g. asset rentals).

Annex 1 – Audit Analysis Notes

Workforce

The way workforce data has been collected in 2007-08 and 2006-07 differs slightly from 2005-06. The workforce data for 2007-08 and 2006-07 has been split into management, professionally qualified youth workers, other qualified youth workers, youth support workers, administrative workers and volunteers. For each category we have figures on the total number of staff, the full-time equivalent number of staff and the number of vacancies. Data on the number of unqualified workers cannot be distinguished.

The category of full-time equivalent (FTE) delivery staff used in 2007-08 and 2006-07 combines professionally qualified youth workers, other qualified youth workers and youth support workers. This is equivalent to the FTE delivery staff category used in 2005-06.

Outcomes

As in previous years we have asked that contacts, recorded and accredited outcomes be counted in accordance with the guidance within *Recording Young People's Progress and Accreditation in Youth Work* (available on the Audit pages of The NYA website).

As in previous years the benchmark figure for contacts is 25% of the 13-19 youth population. For participants it is 15% of the 13-19 youth population.

As in previous years the benchmarks for recorded and accredited outcomes are based on the youth population, not the actual number of young people participating in youth service provision. This allows a more appropriate comparison between local authorities based on the whole 13-19 youth population. There is also value in knowing the proportion of participants who achieve recorded and accredited outcomes. These figures are therefore included in the individual local authority reports.